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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

EBAN SAYS SISCO VISIT WOULD BE DESIRABLE

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(FROM "THIS WEEK"; YORAM RONEN INTERVIEW WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
'BBA EBAN IN JERUSALEM-RECORDED)

(EXCERPTS) QUESTION: MR EBAN, ARE WE INTERESTED IN A VISIT
BY SISCO?

ANSWER: WHENEVER THERE IS DISCUSSION ABOUT A VISIT BY U.S.
MEN TO ISRAEL, OFFICIAL OR OTHERWISE, OUR REPLY CAN ONLY BE
THAT ANY CONTACT IS DESIRABLE. WHEN THE DISCUSSION INVOLVES
SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS OR SUBJECTS, THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED
USUALLY HOGU CONTACTS TO DETERMINE THE FRAMEWORK, TIMING
AND CONDITIONS FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS. THESE CONTACTS ARE STILL
GOING ON, AND NO DECISION ON THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN ADOPTED YET
BY WASHINGTON.

QUESTION: DO YOU THINK THAT THE PROGRESS OF THE CLARIFICATIONS
CAN BE ADVANCED IF SISCO VISITS ISRAEL?

CONTINUOUS DIALOG WE HAVE WITH THE UNITED STATES. BUT AS
O SAID, IF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREE ON A CERTAIN FRAMEWORK
AND TIMING, THEN IT IS NATURAL THAT SUCH AGREEMENT WILL BE
PUT INTO PRACTICE. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS NO PROBLEM HERE.
WE ARE MAINTAINING THE DIALOG WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND THIS
SUBJECT--A POSSIBLE VISIT BY MR. SISCO-IS NOW UNDER DISCUSSION.
I ASSUME THAT THIS DISCUSSION WILL BE CONCLUDED SOON.

QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC DELAYS IN THE SUPPLY OF
OUR REQUESTS FOR U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT?

ANSWER: AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED WITH THE UNITED STATES
ON THIS SUBJECT, AND THESE AGREEMENTS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED
WITHOUT ANY DISRUPTION. BUT ACCORDING TO WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER
O SAID IN THE KNESSET ON 9 JUNE, WE BELIEVE THAT FOLLOWING THE
EGYPTIAN-SOVIET TREATY AND IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUED STRENGTHENING
OF EGYPT THERE IS A NEED TO CONTINUE THE SUPPLY AND TO INTENSIFY
IT. THIS SUBJECT IS UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE UNITED STATES.
EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT SUCH CLARIFICATIONS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN
SLOW, AND I DO NOT WANT TO JUDGE THE RESULT OF THE CLARIFICATION
NOW TAKING PLACE. ACTUALLY THIS CLARIFICATION IS PROCEEDING
CONTINUOUSLY REGARDING THE BALANCE OF FORCES AND THE STEPS
NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THIS BALANCE.

QUESTION: WHAT IF THE CLARIFICATION CONTINUES BEYOND THE
NORMAL LIMITS KNOWN UP TO NOW?

O ANSWER: THERE IS NO CLARIFICATION OF THE KIND WHICH HAS
BEEN COMPLETED EXACTLY ACCORDING TO THE TIME AND ORDER OF PRIORITIES
DESIRED BY US. THIS CLARIFICATION IS CONTINUING, AND I CANNOT
PREDICT EITHER THE RESULTS OR WHEN THEY WILL BE KNOWN.

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